



The AFCARS Report:

Michigan

Preliminary FY¹ 2021 Estimates as of June 28, 2022 - No. 29

SOURCE: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) FY 2021 data²

Numbers at a Glance: Michigan

Fiscal Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number in foster care on September 30 of the FY	11,918	12,121	11,676	10,661	9,529
Number entered foster care during the FY	6,854	6,208	5,770	4,386	3,837
Number exited foster care during the FY	6,312	5,984	6,169	5,360	4,945
Number served by the foster care system during the FY	18,230	18,105	17,845	16,021	14,474
Number waiting to be adopted on September 30 of the FY	3,646	3,898	3,821	3,660	3,321
Number waiting to be adopted for whom parental rights (for all living parents) were terminated as of the last day of the FY	3,220	3,389	3,374	2,880	2,890
Number adopted with public child welfare agency involvement during the FY	1,970	1,991	2,161	1,851	1,689

Children in Foster Care on September 30, 2021 - N=9,529

Age as of September 30th	Years	Sex	Percent	Number
Mean	7.8	Male	51%	4,818
Median	7.0	Female	49%	4,711

Age as of September 30th	Percent	Number	Most Recent Placement Setting	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	6%	617	Pre-Adoptive Home	2%	147
1 Year	9%	875	Foster Family Home (Relative)	45%	4,333
2 Years	8%	799	Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	37%	3,548
3 Years	7%	700	Group Home	0%	37
4 Years	6%	615	Institution	5%	463
5 Years	6%	531	Supervised Independent Living	3%	300
6 Years	5%	490	Runaway	1%	79
7 Years	5%	459	Trial Home Visit	7%	621
8 Years	5%	434			
9 Years	4%	401			
10 Years	4%	365			
11 Years	4%	383			
12 Years	4%	344			
13 Years	4%	414			
14 Years	4%	408			
15 Years	5%	436			
16 Years	5%	441			
17 Years	5%	517			
18 Years	1%	55			
19 Years	1%	104			
20 Years	1%	141			

Case Plan Goal	Percent	Number
Reunify with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)	60%	5,678
Live with Other Relative(s)	5%	438
Adoption	28%	2,686
Long Term Foster Care	0%	0
Emancipation	5%	510
Guardianship	1%	116
Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	0%	47

¹ 'FY' refers to the Federal Fiscal Year, October 1st through September 30th.

² Data from both the regular and revised AFCARS file submissions received by June 28, 2022 are included in this report. Missing data are excluded from each table. Therefore, the totals within each distribution may not equal the total provided for that subpopulation (e.g. number in care on September 30th may not match the sum across ages for that group)

Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number	Time in Care	Months
American Indian/Alaska Native	1%	49	Mean	22.0
Asian	0%	31	Median	18.0
Black or African American	29%	2,774		
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	6		
Hispanic (of any race)	8%	755		
White	48%	4,593		
Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	1		
Two or More Races	14%	1,320		

NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.

Time in Care	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Month	4%	347
1 - 5 Months	16%	1,501
6 - 11 Months	17%	1,619
12 - 17 Months	14%	1,300
18 - 23 Months	14%	1,361
24 - 29 Months	11%	1,039
30 - 35 Months	7%	697
3 - 4 Years	13%	1,233
5 Years or More	5%	432

Children Entering Foster Care during FY 2021 - N=3,837

Age at Entry	Years	Race/Ethnicity	Percent	Number
Mean	6.4	American Indian/Alaska Native	1%	28
Median	5.0	Asian	0%	14
		Black or African American	25%	977
		Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	3
		Hispanic (of any race)	10%	366
		White	51%	1,940
		Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	3
		Two or More Races	13%	506

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Age at Entry	Percent	Number	Circumstances Associated with Child's Removal	Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	23%	889	Neglect	77%	2,972
1 Year	7%	274	Drug Abuse (Parent)	38%	1,443
2 Years	6%	239	Physical Abuse	18%	693
3 Years	6%	222	Housing	17%	665
4 Years	5%	192	Abandonment	12%	457
5 Years	5%	179	Caretaker Inability To Cope	11%	436
6 Years	4%	159	Sexual Abuse	8%	298
7 Years	4%	154	Parent Incarceration	7%	268
8 Years	4%	164	Alcohol Abuse (Parent)	6%	239
9 Years	4%	135	Child Behavior Problem	3%	121
10 Years	3%	130	Parent Death	3%	96
11 Years	4%	139	Child Disability	1%	37
12 Years	4%	151	Drug Abuse (Child)	1%	26
13 Years	4%	151	Relinquishment	1%	25
14 Years	4%	171	Alcohol Abuse (Child)	0%	8
15 Years	3%	127			
16 Years	4%	163			
17 Years	3%	126			
18 Years	1%	34			
19 Years	1%	29			
20 Years	0%	9			

NOTE: These categories are not mutually exclusive, so percentages will total more than 100% and counts will be more than the total number of entries.

Children Exiting Foster Care during FY 2021 - N=4,945

Age at Exit		Years	Race/Ethnicity		Percent	Number	
Mean		8.9	American Indian/Alaska Native		0%	24	
Median		8.0	Asian		0%	21	
			Black or African American		26%	1,303	
			Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		0%	0	
			Hispanic (of any race)		10%	480	
			White		51%	2,510	
			Unknown/Unable to Determine		0%	4	
			Two or More Races		12%	603	
NOTE: All races exclude children of Hispanic origin. Children of Hispanic ethnicity may be any race.							
Age at Exit		Percent	Number	Reason for Discharge		Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year		2%	92	Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s)		42%	2,034
1 Year		7%	348	Living with Other Relative(s)		3%	140
2 Years		8%	380	Adoption		35%	1,702
3 Years		9%	423	Emancipation		13%	643
4 Years		7%	319	Guardianship		7%	330
5 Years		6%	308	Transfer to Another Agency		0%	21
6 Years		5%	249	Runaway		0%	7
7 Years		5%	252	Death of Child		0%	7
8 Years		5%	229				
9 Years		4%	200				
10 Years		4%	187				
11 Years		4%	191				
12 Years		4%	180				
13 Years		4%	174				
14 Years		3%	159				
15 Years		3%	149				
16 Years		3%	164				
17 Years		3%	146				
18 Years		12%	570				
19 Years		1%	38				
20 Years		2%	117				
Time in Care		Months					
Mean		27.5					
Median		24.1					
Time in Care		Percent	Number				
Less than 1 Month		2%	84				
1 - 5 Months		6%	272				
6 - 11 Months		9%	469				
12 - 17 Months		15%	750				
18 - 23 Months		18%	885				
24 - 29 Months		14%	692				
30 - 35 Months		12%	583				
3 - 4 Years		19%	949				
5 Years or More		5%	261				

Children Waiting to be Adopted³ on September 30, 2021 - N=3,321

Age as of September 30th			Years	Age at Entry into Foster Care			Years
Mean			7.7	Mean			5.1
Median			7.0	Median			4.0

Age as of September 30th			Percent	Number	Age at Entry into Foster Care			Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year	3%	104			Less than 1 Year	25%	845		
1 Year	8%	269			1 Year	8%	259		
2 Years	9%	297			2 Years	6%	198		
3 Years	8%	268			3 Years	6%	204		
4 Years	7%	225			4 Years	6%	202		
5 Years	6%	191			5 Years	6%	193		
6 Years	6%	194			6 Years	6%	187		
7 Years	5%	176			7 Years	6%	187		
8 Years	5%	163			8 Years	5%	161		
9 Years	5%	157			9 Years	4%	147		
10 Years	5%	160			10 Years	5%	169		
11 Years	5%	159			11 Years	5%	163		
12 Years	5%	160			12 Years	5%	150		
13 Years	6%	190			13 Years	3%	109		
14 Years	5%	164			14 Years	3%	85		
15 Years	6%	184			15 Years	1%	41		
16 Years	4%	144			16 Years	1%	19		
17 Years	3%	116			17 Years	0%	2		

Placement Type			Percent	Number	Race/Ethnicity			Percent	Number
Pre-Adoptive Home	4%	144			American Indian/Alaska Native	0%	12		
Foster Family Home (Relative)	42%	1,387			Asian	0%	8		
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	45%	1,500			Black or African American	27%	892		
Group Home	1%	19			Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0%	0		
Institution	6%	209			Hispanic (of any race)	7%	243		
Supervised Independent Living	0%	9			White	51%	1,681		
Runaway	0%	15			Unknown/Unable to Determine	0%	1		
Trial Home Visit	1%	38			Two or More Races	15%	484		

Sex			Percent	Number
Male	52%	1,729		
Female	48%	1,592		

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³ Waiting children are identified as children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older whose parents' parental rights have been terminated and who have a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the estimate.

Time in Care		Months	Of Children Waiting for Adoption whose Parents' Parental Rights have been Terminated (N=2,890), Time Elapsed since Termination of Parental Rights as of September 30, 2021		
Mean		32.6			
Median		28.6			
Time in Care		Percent	Number	Time Since TPR	Months
Less than 1 Month		0%	11	Mean	16.6
1 - 5 Months		3%	99	Median	8.0
6 - 11 Months		7%	231		
12 - 17 Months		10%	338		
18 - 23 Months		16%	542		
24 - 29 Months		17%	579		
30 - 35 Months		13%	442		
3 - 4 Years		24%	809		
5 Years or More		8%	270		

Children Adopted with Public Agency Involvement in FY 2021⁴ - N=1,689

Age at Adoption		Years	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption			Months	
Mean		6.4	Mean			16.8	
Median		5.0	Median			13.1	
Age at Adoption		Percent	Number	Time Elapsed from Termination of Parental Rights to Adoption		Percent	Number
Less than 1 Year		1%	19	Less than 1 Month		0%	0
1 Year		9%	154	1 - 5 Months		8%	128
2 Years		12%	203	6 - 11 Months		37%	605
3 Years		13%	226	12 - 17 Months		23%	377
4 Years		9%	158	18 - 23 Months		15%	248
5 Years		7%	124	24 - 29 Months		7%	108
6 Years		6%	94	30 - 35 Months		3%	53
7 Years		7%	112	3 - 4 Years		5%	89
8 Years		6%	103	5 Years or More		1%	24
9 Years		5%	86				
10 Years		4%	74				
11 Years		4%	66				
12 Years		3%	58				
13 Years		3%	53				
14 Years		3%	48				
15 Years		2%	36				
16 Years		2%	38				
17 Years		2%	32				
18 Years		0%	4				
19 Years		0%	0				
20 Years		0%	0				
Race/Ethnicity		Percent	Number				
American Indian/Alaska Native		0%	2				
Asian		0%	1				
Black or African American		23%	381				
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		0%	0				
Hispanic (of any race)		8%	134				
White		55%	923				
Unknown/Unable to Determine		0%	0				
Two or More Races		15%	248				
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⁴ Note that the adoption data reported in this section are from the AFCARS Adoption file. Therefore, the number of adoptions reported here may not equal the number reported as discharges to adoption from foster care.

Adoptive Family Structure	Percent	Number	Sex	Percent	Number
Married Couple	70%	1,169	Male	50%	846
Unmarried Couple	10%	174	Female	50%	843
Single Female	18%	300			
Single Male	2%	39			
Relationship of Adoptive Parents to Child Prior to Adoption	Percent	Number	Receive Adoption Subsidy	Percent	Number
Non-Relative	2%	36	Yes	96%	1,624
Foster Parent	55%	925	No	4%	65
Stepparent	0%	0			
Other Relative	43%	728			

FY 2021 AFCARS Foster Care Data Release

Definitions and additional supporting information relevant to the populations presented in this report can be found by clicking on the tabs above the area chart displayed when using this link:

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/trends-in-foster-care-and-adoption>